

but CHIP helps them manage Jaxon's condition and makes well-baby checks more affordable, ultimately lowering the odds of another emergency visit.

Danielle Highley of Deer Lodge is another Montana kid who relies on CHIP funding. At just 18 months of age, Danielle lost the ability to walk. A form of juvenile arthritis proved to be a costly condition, as injections and infusions cost several thousand dollars, but when Danielle has consistent treatment, she can walk, run, and play like a kid again. Before being enrolled in CHIP, Danielle went without treatment for 3 months, and she again lost the ability to walk. CHIP has allowed Danielle the opportunity to get treatment and be a kid again. She is back in school, and when she grows up, of all things, she hopes to be a doctor for kids. I am also pleased to announce that she will be joining me as my guest at the State of the Union.

Jaxon and Danielle, thank you for sharing your stories. I am so glad that Congress has passed, and the President has signed into law a 6-year reauthorization of the program, the longest in its history. Now, the families of the 24,000 Montana children who depend on CHIP can rest assured their children will continue to have access to critical care.●

TRIBUTE TO ERIN COSKY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I ask to have printed in the RECORD an article that was published in yesterday's Pensacola News Journal, "Meet the Santa Rosa Teacher of the Year." I commend Ms. Erin Cosky for her dedication to Florida's students, and wish her well in the State's Teacher of the Year selection process.

The material follows:

[From the Pensacola News Journal USA Today Network, Jan. 24, 2018]

MEET THE SANTA ROSA TEACHER OF THE YEAR
FLORIDA.—Gulf Breeze High School science teacher Erin Cosky has been selected as the Santa Rosa County School District's Teacher of the Year.

The news was announced during a surprise visit to Cosky's classroom Wednesday morning.

Cosky teaches earth and space science and advanced placement environmental science at the school. She is Santa Rosa's nominee for the Florida Department of Education's Teacher of the Year 2019.

The Florida Teacher of the Year will be selected in May and will serve as Florida's nominee for National Teacher of the Year, which will be announced in January 2019. Cosky, other nominees for the award and all Santa Rosa County educators will be honored at Santa Rosa's Golden Apple Celebration on March 2.●

TRIBUTE TO SAMANTHA NEFF, LEESA LAVENDER, AND JULIE DELRUSSO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I ask to have printed in the RECORD an article that was published in the Orlando Sentinel, "Seminole Announces Three

Teacher-of-the-Year Finalists." I commend Ms. Samantha Neff, Ms. Leesa Lavender, and Ms. Julie DelRusso for their dedication to Florida's students and wish them well in the State's Teacher of the Year Selection process.

The material follows:

[From the Orlando Sentinel, Jan. 24, 2018]

SEMINOLE ANNOUNCES THREE TEACHER-OF-THE-YEAR FINALISTS

(By Leslie Postal)

A math coach, a civics teacher and a high school instructor who works with students with disabilities were tapped Wednesday as finalists for Seminole County's teacher-of-the-year honors.

The winner will be announced March 15 and will then be in the running for Florida's top teacher award.

Seminole's three finalists are:

Samantha Neff, a math coach at Idyllwild Elementary School, who has been an elementary school teacher in the district for 17 years and also teaches at the University of Central Florida.

Leesa Lavender, a seventh-grade civics teacher at Markham Woods Middle School, who has taught middle school social studies since 2007.

Julie DelRusso, who works with 9th-to-12th-grade students through the district's Exceptional Student Support Services Department. She's been a teacher with the district for 25 years.

The district will announce the winner at the teacher-of-the-year ceremony at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs.●

TRIBUTE TO COLTON MEEHAN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Colton Meehan, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Colton is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Cruz, having earned a degree in politics. He is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of his experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Colton Meehan for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Cuccia, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting nominations which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4132. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Rules of Registration and Review of Exchange Disciplinary, Access Denial or Other Adverse Actions" (RIN3038-AE15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4133. A communication from the Management Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Standards for Barley" (7 CFR Part 800 and 810) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4134. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4135. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-230, "Health Literacy Council Establishment Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4136. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2018"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for Mr. McCain for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Scott D. Berrier, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Charles L. Plummer, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Sharon R. Bannister, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Jeffery A. Rockwell, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Anthony R. Hale and ending with Col. Garrick M. Harmon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 11, 2017.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Theodore D. Martin, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Susie S. Kuilan, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Leslie C. Smith, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Johnny R. Wolfe, Jr., to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Capt. John C. Ring, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Scott D. Conn, to be Rear Admiral.

Mr. INHOFE for Mr. McCain. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed